

# HOUSE BILL No. 1338

## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 5-28.

**Synopsis:** Incentives provided by the IEDC. Requires the Indiana economic development corporation (IEDC) to provide an annual report on the effectiveness of incentives and incentive payback activity. Provides that the IEDC must require an applicant to agree to an employment number in an incentive contract. Requires that an incentive contract must include an incentive payback provision that allows the IEDC to require an incentive recipient that is in partial noncompliance to repay a proportionate share of the incentive to the IEDC, plus interest at 10% and to require that if a recipient moves, closes, or transfers positions out of Indiana, the IEDC shall recoup the entire incentive provided, plus interest. Requires a full-time compliance officer in the IEDC to review whether incentive recipients are complying with the incentive agreement. Requires incentive recipients to provide an annual report on compliance with employment goals. Prohibits the IEDC from providing an incentive to a person if that person is subject to an incentive: (1) payback requirement in Indiana until repayment is made; or (2) payback requirement in another state until the earlier of five years after the date of the person's application to the IEDC or until the repayment is made to the other state.

**Effective:** July 1, 2009.

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January 13, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Small Business and Economic Development.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state offices and administration.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 5-28-2-4.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2009]: **Sec. 4.1. "Incentive" includes any benefit, grant, loan,**  
4 **money, tax credit, or other thing of value referred to in this article.**

5 SECTION 2. IC 5-28-6-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.120-2008,  
6 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
7 JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 2. (a) The corporation shall develop and promote  
8 programs designed to make the best use of Indiana resources to ensure  
9 a balanced economy and continuing economic growth for Indiana, and,  
10 for those purposes, may do the following:

11 (1) Cooperate with federal, state, and local governments and  
12 agencies in the coordination of programs to make the best use of  
13 Indiana resources.

14 (2) Receive and expend funds, grants, gifts, and contributions of  
15 money, property, labor, interest accrued from loans made by the  
16 corporation, and other things of value from public and private  
17 sources, including grants from agencies and instrumentalities of



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the state and the federal government. The corporation:

(A) may accept federal grants for providing planning assistance, making grants, or providing other services or functions necessary to political subdivisions, planning commissions, or other public or private organizations;

(B) shall administer these grants in accordance with the terms of the grants; and

(C) may contract with political subdivisions, planning commissions, or other public or private organizations to carry out the purposes for which the grants were made.

(3) Direct that assistance, information, and advice regarding the duties and functions of the corporation be given to the corporation by an officer, agent, or employee of the executive branch of the state. The head of any other state department or agency may assign one (1) or more of the department's or agency's employees to the corporation on a temporary basis or may direct a division or an agency under the department's or agency's supervision and control to make a special study or survey requested by the corporation.

(b) The corporation shall perform the following duties:

(1) Develop and implement industrial development programs to encourage expansion of existing industrial, commercial, and business facilities in Indiana and to encourage new industrial, commercial, and business locations in Indiana.

(2) Assist businesses and industries in acquiring, improving, and developing overseas markets and encourage international plant locations in Indiana. The corporation, with the approval of the governor, may establish foreign offices to assist in this function.

(3) Promote the growth of minority business enterprises by doing the following:

(A) Mobilizing and coordinating the activities, resources, and efforts of governmental and private agencies, businesses, trade associations, institutions, and individuals.

(B) Assisting minority businesses in obtaining governmental or commercial financing for expansion or establishment of new businesses or individual development projects.

(C) Aiding minority businesses in procuring contracts from governmental or private sources, or both.

(D) Providing technical, managerial, and counseling assistance to minority business enterprises.

(4) Assist the office of the lieutenant governor in:

(A) community economic development planning;

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(B) implementation of programs designed to further community economic development; and

(C) the development and promotion of Indiana's tourist resources.

(5) Assist the secretary of agriculture and rural development in promoting and marketing of Indiana's agricultural products and provide assistance to the director of the Indiana state department of agriculture.

(6) With the approval of the governor, implement federal programs delegated to the state to carry out the purposes of this article.

(7) Promote the growth of small businesses by doing the following:

(A) Assisting small businesses in obtaining and preparing the permits required to conduct business in Indiana.

(B) Serving as a liaison between small businesses and state agencies.

(C) Providing information concerning business assistance programs available through government agencies and private sources.

(8) Establish a public information page on its current Internet site on the world wide web. The page must provide the following:

(A) By program, cumulative information on the total amount of incentives awarded, the total number of companies that received the incentives and were assisted in a year, and the names and addresses of those companies.

(B) A mechanism on the page whereby the public may request further information online about specific programs or incentives awarded.

(C) A mechanism for the public to receive an electronic response.

**(D) An annual report posted in August each year on the effectiveness of incentives provided under this article. The report:**

**(i) must include a section specifying each person's compliance with its incentive agreement and any incentive that had to be reduced or paid back as a result of noncompliance with an incentive agreement;**

**(ii) must include the total incentive provided for each job created for each incentive recipient computed from the date the incentive is granted through June 30 of the year of the report; and**

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(iii) shall also be submitted to the general assembly in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

(9) Require as a condition of receiving an incentive, an agreement by the applicant to the following:

(A) A specific number of individuals who will be employed by the applicant as of a specified date each year.

(B) To file with the compliance officer an annual compliance report detailing the person's compliance, or progress toward compliance, with subdivision (1).

(C) That the person pay back to the state the proportionate share of any incentive that has already been received by the person, plus interest, if the person is found to be employing fewer individuals than agreed to under clause (A). The amount required to be paid back is the percentage of the incentive that equals the number of individuals who are not employed as compared to the number of individuals agreed to be employed.

(D) That the person pay back to the state the entire incentive that has been received by the person, plus interest, if the person moves, closes, or transfers employment positions out of Indiana.

Interest under this subdivision must be computed at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum.

(10) Employ an individual in a full-time position to serve as a compliance officer whose primary duties are to determine and report to the corporation whether each person that receives an incentive complies with the terms and conditions of the person's incentive agreement.

(c) The corporation may do the following:

(1) Disseminate information concerning the industrial, commercial, governmental, educational, cultural, recreational, agricultural, and other advantages of Indiana.

(2) Plan, direct, and conduct research activities.

(3) Assist in community economic development planning and the implementation of programs designed to further community economic development.

(d) The corporation may not provide an incentive to a person that is being required to pay back any part of an incentive:

(1) to Indiana, until the date the person has repaid the incentive to Indiana; or

(2) to another state until the earlier of:

(A) the date the person has repaid the incentive to the

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1           **other state; or**

2           **(B) five (5) years after the date of the person's application**  
 3           **to the corporation.**

4           SECTION 3. IC 5-28-6-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.122-2006,  
 5           SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 6           JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 3. (a) The general assembly declares that the  
 7           opportunity for the participation of underutilized small businesses,  
 8           especially women and minority business enterprises, in the biodiesel  
 9           and ethanol production industries is essential if social and economic  
 10          parity is to be obtained by women and minority business persons and  
 11          if the economy of Indiana is to be stimulated as contemplated by this  
 12          section, IC 6-3.1-27, and IC 6-3.1-28. A recipient of a credit under this  
 13          chapter is encouraged to purchase goods and services from  
 14          underutilized small businesses, especially women and minority  
 15          business enterprises.

16          (b) The definitions in IC 6-3.1-27 and IC 6-3.1-28 apply throughout  
 17          this section. A term used in this section that is defined in both  
 18          IC 6-3.1-27 and IC 6-3.1-28 refers to the term as defined in:

19               (1) IC 6-3.1-27 whenever this section applies to the certification  
 20               of a person for a credit under IC 6-3.1-27; and

21               (2) IC 6-3.1-28 whenever this section applies to the certification  
 22               of a person for a credit under IC 6-3.1-28.

23          In addition, as used in this section, "person" refers to a taxpayer or a  
 24          pass through entity.

25          (c) As used in this section, "minority" means a member of a  
 26          minority group (as defined in IC 4-13-16.5-1).

27          (d) As used in this section, "minority business enterprise" has the  
 28          meaning set forth in IC 4-13-16.5-1.

29          (e) As used in this section, "women's business enterprise" has the  
 30          meaning set forth in IC 4-13-16.5-1.3.

31          (f) A person that:

32               (1) begins construction of a facility or an expansion of a facility  
 33               for the production of biodiesel, blended biodiesel, or ethanol in  
 34               Indiana after February 28, 2005; and

35               (2) wishes to claim a tax credit with respect to that facility or the  
 36               expansion of a facility under any combination of IC 6-3.1-27-8,  
 37               IC 6-3.1-27-9, or IC 6-3.1-28-7;

38          must apply to the corporation for a determination of the person's  
 39          eligibility for the tax credit.

40          (g) Subject to this section, the corporation shall issue to each  
 41          qualifying applicant a certification that:

42               (1) certifies the person as eligible for the tax credits for which the

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1 person applied;

2 (2) identifies the facilities covered by the certification; and

3 (3) allocates to the person a credit under IC 6-3.1-27-8,  
4 IC 6-3.1-27-9, or IC 6-3.1-28-11.

5 (h) To qualify for certification under subsection (g), a person must  
6 do the following:

7 (1) Submit an application for the credit on the forms and in the  
8 manner prescribed by the corporation for the credit that is the  
9 subject of the application.

10 (2) Demonstrate through a business plan and other information  
11 presented to the corporation that the level of production proposed  
12 by the person is feasible and economically viable. In making a  
13 determination under this subdivision, the corporation shall  
14 consider:

15 (A) whether the person is sufficiently capitalized to complete  
16 the project;

17 (B) the person's credit rating;

18 (C) whether the person has sufficient technical expertise to  
19 build and operate a facility; and

20 (D) other relevant financial information as determined by the  
21 corporation.

22 (i) The corporation shall record the time of filing of each application  
23 submitted under this section. The corporation shall grant certifications  
24 under this section to qualifying applicants in the chronological order in  
25 which the applications for the same type of credit are filed until the  
26 maximum allowable credit for that type of credit is fully allocated.

27 (j) The corporation ~~may~~ **shall** terminate a certification or reduce an  
28 allocation of a credit granted under this section only if the corporation  
29 determines, after a hearing, that the person granted the certification or  
30 allocation has failed to:

31 (1) substantially comply with the business plan that is the basis  
32 for the certification or allocation; or

33 (2) submit the information needed by the corporation to determine  
34 whether the person has substantially complied with the business  
35 plan that is the basis of the certification or allocation.

36 **The amount that a credit must be reduced or paid back is the**  
37 **percentage of the credit that equals the number of individuals who**  
38 **are not employed as compared to the number of individuals agreed**  
39 **to be employed.** If an allocation of a credit is terminated or reduced,  
40 **or a credit is paid back,** the unused credit becomes available for  
41 allocation to other qualifying applicants in the chronological order in  
42 which the applications for the same type of credit are filed until the

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1 maximum allowable credit for that type of credit is fully allocated. The  
2 corporation may approve an amendment to a business plan or a transfer  
3 of a certificate of eligibility in conformity with the terms and conditions  
4 specified by the corporation in rules adopted by the corporation under  
5 IC 4-22-2.

6 (k) The corporation shall give the department of state revenue  
7 written notice of each action taken under this section.

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